modernisation and technology upgradation so as to enhace viability and competitiveness. Under the Scheme, identified sector of textile industry would be eligible for applying loan from designated nodal agencies. Nodal Agencies, after satisfying themselves, as regards viability etc. would advance loans to applicant unit at applicable rate of interest and the difference of amount between this rate of interest and prevailing market rate will be reimbursed by Ministry of Textiles from its plan funds by making necessary provisions in the budget.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs S.O. 55(E), dated February 22, 1999 publishing the Border Security Force (Amendment) Rules, 1999, under sub-section (3) of section 141 of the Border Security Force Act, 1968. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2418/99)

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs G.S.R. 8(E), dated January 4, 1999 publishing the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 1998, under sub-section (3) of section 30 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2417/99)

I. Economic Survey, 1998-99 and valuation Report of the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

II Notifications of the Ministry of Finance.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Economic Survey, 1998-99. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2424/99)

(ii) Twenty-eighth Valuation Report of the Life Insurance Corporation of India for the year ended on the 31st March, 1998, under section 29 of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1950. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2451/99)

IIA. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (4) of section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, alongwith explanatory memoranda on the notifications:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 597, dated October 7, 1998 publishing the notification No. 53/98-ST dated 7.10.98 seeking to bring into force the provisions of section 116 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1998 with effect from 16.10.98 including the levy of service tax on services specified in sub-sections (4) and (5) of section 66 of the Finance Act, 1994. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2442/99)

(ii) G.S.R. No. 598(E), dated October 7, 1998 publishing the notification No. 54/98-ST regarding the Service Tax (Amendment) Rules, 1998.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 599(E), dated October 7, 1998 publishing notification No'. 55/98-ST dated 7.10.98 regarding

exemption from the whole of service tax the taxable services rendered in India to a client in respect of overseas projects for which payment is made in convertible foreign exchange.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 600(E), dated October 7, 1998 publishing notification No. 56/98-ST dated 7.10.98 regarding exemption from the whole of service tax the taxable services provided by a security or security agency to a client in relation to the services of providing safe deposit lockers or security or safe vaults for security of movable property.

(v) G.S.R. No. 601(E), dated October 7, 1998 publishing notification No. 57/98-ST dated 7.10.98 regarding exemption from the whole of service tax the taxable services, other than of auditing and accounting, provided by a practicing chartered accountant in his professional capacity.

(vi) G.S.R. No. 602(E), dated October 7, 1998 publishing Notification No. 58/98-ST dated 7.10.98 regarding exemption from the service tax the taxable services provided by a mechanised slaughter house in relation to the slaughtering of bovine animals, from so much of service tax leviable on such slaughter house as in excess of Rs. 100 per bovine animal. (Placed in Library. For (ii) to (vi) *See* No. LT-2443/99)

(B). A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under section 39 of the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944 alongwith an explanatory Memoranda on the notifications:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 399 (E) dated July. 18, 1999 publishing the notification No. 27/98-Central Excise (NT) dated 18.7.98 seeking to reduce the rate of duty from Rs. 60 per metre length to Rs. 45 per metre length of the machines per shift for embroidery machines utilised for manufacturing specified type of embroidery.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 400(E), dated July 18, 1998 publishing the notification No. 28/98-CE (NT) dated 18.7.98 seeking to amend notification No. 5/94-CE (NT) dated 1.3.94 to allow full credit of duty on specified inputs when received in a factory belonging to a multi-locational composite mill from another factory belonging to the same mill or when received by an independent texturiser, for manufacture of specified final product.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 401(E), dated July 18, 1998 publishing the notification No. 17/98-Central Excise dated 18.7.98 seeking to amend notification No. 0598 Central Excise dated 2.7.98 to prescribe effective rates of duty on specified goods.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 402(E), dated July 18, 1998 publishing the notification No. 18/98-Central Excise dated 18.7.98 seeking to amend notification Nos. 8/98-CE and 9/98 both dated 2.6.98 to include cast brass /rods of specified length in the category of eligible goods for general scheme of excise duty exemption for small scale unit.

(v) G.S.R. No. 403(E), dated July 18, 1998 publishing the notification No. 19/98 dated 18.7.98 seeking to amend notification No.22/96-CE dated 23.7.96 to provide for procedural changes required for multilocational composite mills.

(vi) G.S.R. No. 404(E), dated July, 1998 publishing the notification No. 20/98-CE dated 18.7.98 seeking to provide for concessional rate of excise duty on specified fabrics falling finder chapter 52, 54 or 55 or Central Excise Tariff.

(vii) G.S.R. No. 701(E), dated November 24, 1998 publishing the notification No. 35/98-Central Excise dated 24.11.98 seeking to amend the notification No. 10/98-CE dated 2.6.98 to reduce excise duty from 18% to 15% on betel nut powder known as supari.

(Placed in Library. For (i) to (vii) See No. LT-2441/99)

(C) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Depoartment of Revenue) notification G.S.R.22(E), dated January 11, 1999 publishing the Central Excise (First Amendment) Rules, 1999, under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 alongwith an explanatory memorandum.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2441/99)

(D) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following the notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under section 159 of the Customs Act, 192 alongwith an explanatory memoranda on the notifications:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 396(E), dated July 18, 1998 publishing the notification No. 50/98-Customs dated the 18th July, 1998 to amend notification No. 23/98-Customs, dated the 2nd June, 1998 regarding reduction or exemption of customs duty on certain things.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 397(E), dated July 18, 1998 publishing the notification No. 51/98-Customs dated the 18th July, 1998 to amend notification No. 12/97-Customs, dated the 1st March, 1997 regarding exemption of certain items from special customs duty.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 398(E), dated July 18, 1998 publishing the notification No. 52/98-Customs, dated the 18th July, 1998 to amend the notification No. 36/97-Customs, dated the 11th April, 1997 in ordedr to continue the said exemption by altering the reference from goods specified in List 8A of notification No. 11/97-Customs, dated the Ist March, to the goods specified in List 27 of notification No. 23/98-Customs, dated 2nd June, 1998.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 409(E), dated July 14, 1998 publishing the notification No. 54/98-Customs dated 24th July, 1998 rescinding notification No. 7/ 98-Customs, dated 16.4.98 which imposed provisional anti-dumpting dutires on Vitamin-C.

(v) G.S.R. No. 496(E), dated August 14, 1998 publishing the notification No. 63/98-Customs dated 14.8.98 to impose anti-dumping duty on Bisphenpl-IA

fulling under Chapter 29 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 imported into India, when originating in or exported from Japan, at' the rate of Rs. 8434/MT.

(vi) G.S.R. No. 497(E), dated August 14, 1998 publishing the notification No. 64/98-Customs dated 14.8.98 to rescind notification No. 102/94 dated 11.3.94 which imposed final anti-dumping duty on Bisphcnol-A, consequent to the imposition of duty on the basis of the review findings *vide* notification No. 63/98-Customs dated 14.8.98.

(Placed in Library. For (iv) to (vi) *See* No. LT-2439/99)

(vii) G.S.R. No. 615(E), dated October 13, 1998 publishing the notification No. 76/98-Customs dated October 13, 1998 seeking to amend notification No. 23/98-Customs, dated June, 2, 1998 so as to omit the procedural requirement

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2440/99)

(viii) G.S.R. No. 636(E), dated October 22, 1998 publishing the notification No. 79/98-Customs dated the 2nd October, 1998 to impose final anti-dumping duty on magnesium.

(ix) G.S.R. No. 637(E), dated October 22, 1998 publishing the notification No. 80/98-Customs dated the 22nd October, 1998 to rescind notification No. 19/98-Customs, dated 4.5.98-Customs dated 4.5.98 consequent upon imposition of final anti dumping duty.

(x) G.S.R. No. 681(E), dated November 17, 1998 publishing the notification No. 88/98"-Customs dated 17.11.98 to impose final anti dumping duties on imports of GPPS and HIPS types of Polystyrene originating in or exported from Malaysia, Taiwan, Japan and Republic of Korea.

(xi) G.S.R. No. 682(E), dated November 17, 1998 publishing the 89/98-Customs dated 17.11.98 to rescind notification No. 43/98-Customs, dated 30.6.98 which imposed provisional anti-dumping duty on Polystyrene consequent to the imposition of final duty.

(xii) G.S.R. No. 683(E), dated November, 17, 1998 publishing the notification No. 90/98-Customs dated 17.11.98 to impose anti-dumping duty under Customs Tariff Act, 1975 on acrylic fibre.

(Placed in Library. For (viii) to (ix) See. No. LT-2440/99)

(xiii) G.S.R. No. 691(E), dated November 20, 1998 publishing the notification No. 91/98-Customs dated the 20th November, 1998 to amend notification No. 12/97-Customs, dated the Ist March, 1997 to exempt certain items imported for use in the manufacture of Steel from Special Customs Duty of 5% leviable under Section 68 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1996.

(xiv) G.S.R. No. 697(E), dated November 24, 1998 publishing the notification No. 92/98-Customs dated the 24.11.98 to amend notification No. 23/98-Customs, dated 2.6.98 so as to withdraw full exemption from basic customs duty, special

Customs, duty and additional duty available to Cefuroxime.

(Placed in Library. For (xiii) and to (xiv) *See* No. LT-2439/99)

(xv) G.S.R. No. 698(E), dated November 24, 1998 publishing . the notification No. 93/98-Customs dated 24.11.98 to impose • provisional antidumping duties on Lovasatin originating in or exported from China PR.

(xvi) G.S.R. No. 699(E), dated November 24, 1998 publishing the notification No. 94/98-Customs dated 24.11.98 to impose provisional antidumping duties on Citric acid originating in or exported from China PR

(xvii) G.S.R. No. 700(E), dated November 24, 1998 publishing the notification No. 95/98-Customs dated 24th November to impose provisional anti dumping duties on Ortho Chloro Benzaldehyde originating in or exported from China PR.

(Placed in Library. For (xv) to (xvii) *See* No. LT-2440/99)

(E) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income Tax Act, 1961:—

(i) S.O. 13(E), dated January 8, 1999 publishing the Income Tax (First Amendment) Rules, 1999 regarding Depreciation of commercial vehicles.

(ii) S.O. 23(E), dated January 20, 1999 publishing the Income Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1999 regarding consequent amendment of Section 285B of the Income Tax Act.

(iii) S.O. 33)E), dated January 27, 1999 publishing the Income Ta (4th Amendment) Rules, 1999 regarding compulsory quoting of PAH/GIR No.

(iv) S.O. No. 1113(E), dated December 24, 1998 publishing the Income-Tax (28th Amendment) Rules, 1998 regarding insertion of section 18(C) providing eligibility of Industrial parks for benefit under section 80-I(A) 4(H) of the Income Tax Act,1961.

(v) S.O. No. 20(E), dated January 15, 1999 publishing the Income-Tax (First Amendment) Rules, 1999 regarding insertion of Form No. 10CCAA for Audit Report in respect of the profit and gains derived from the execution of a housing project.

(Placed in Library for (i) to (v) See No. LT-2444/99)

(F) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Depart ment of Economic Affairs) notifi cation S.O. 642(E), dated 29 July, 1998 publishing the Regional Rural Bank (Appointment and Promo tion of Officers and Other Employ ees) Rules, 1998, under sub-section (3) ofsection 29 of the Regional Rural Bank Act 1976.

(Placed in Library See No. LT-2724/99)

(G) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue):—

(i) S.O. 89(E), dated February 9,1999 publishing corrigendum to notificatio S.O. No. 919(E), dated October 22, 1998.

(ii) S.O. 90(E), dated February 9,1999 publishing corrigendum

to notification S.O. 920(E), dated the 22nd October, 1998. (Placed in Library See No. LT-2445/99)

(H) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification S.O.1973(E), dated December 15,1998 publishing corrigendum to notification S.O. 642(E), dated the 29th July, 1998. (Placed in Library See No. LT-2175/98)

REPORT AND MINUTES OF THE RAILWAY CONVENTION COMMITTEE

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Second Report of the Railway Convention Committee on 'Rate of Dividend for 1998-99 and other ancillary matters' alongwith Minutes relating thereto.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Thirteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on the Constitution (Eighty-fifth Amendment) Bill, 1998.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Dr. Jagannath Mishra stating that he underwent bypass surgery for triple vessel heart disease on the 5th February, 1999. Dr. Mishra has also stated that he has been advised complete rest for three months, and he would, therefore, be unable to attend the House for the current Session. He has accordingly requested for the grant of leave of absence from all the sittings of the House during the current Session.

Does he have the permission of the House to remain absent from all meetings of the House during the current Session?

[No hon. Member dissented]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER BUSINESS

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on Monday, the 22nd February, 1999 allotted time for Government Legislative and other business as follows:-

Business	Time Allotted
1. Consideration and passing of Explosive Substances (Amendment) Bill, 1998.	1 Hour
2. Consideration and passing of the Coffee (Amendment) Bill, 1998 as passed by Lok Sabha.	2 Hours
3. Consideration and passing of the North Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 1998.	2 Hours
4. Discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.	16 Hours i.e. 4 days.

Re: STRIKE BY A.I.I.M.S. DOCTORS

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (DR. MANMOHAN SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to bring to your notice, and through you, to the notice of the Government the grave situation that prevails in this capital city of Delhi because of continued strike by the members of faculty of India's most prestigious medical institute, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. Hundreds of patients come to Delhi from various parts of our country everyday but they go back disappointed. We urge this Govern-